



McKinney Christian Academy – Multisensory Teacher Training

Application for Introductory Course

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Professional Position:

Title: _____

Grade Level: _____

School District: _____

Administrator/Principal: _____

Phone/Email Contact: _____

Is your administrator aware of your application? **YES** **NO**

Educational Background: *(List most recent first and enclose/attach all transcripts)*

College/University: _____ Degree: _____

Major/Minor: _____ Date Degree Awarded: _____

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Major/Minor: _____ Date Degree Awarded: _____

Other degree(s) or training: _____

Professional & Teaching Certifications / Affiliations:

1. _____

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About the Multisensory Teacher Training Program:

Read to understand expectations – Contact MCA-MTT Instructors for any questions

Multisensory Teacher Training - Dyslexia Therapist Training Program:

The McKinney Christian Academy Multisensory Teacher Training program is a two-year multisensory structured language training curriculum for individuals who have already completed a bachelor's degree and are interested in becoming Certified Academic Language Therapists (Dyslexia Therapists).

MCA-MTT uses *Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia (Take Flight)*, a two-year curriculum written by the staff of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Take Flight addresses the five components of effective reading instruction identified by the National Reading Panel's research and is a comprehensive Tier III intervention for students with dyslexia, ages 7 and up.

MCA-MTT (Multisensory Integrated Reading and Composition – MIRC) is accredited by the International Dyslexia Association and meets the association's Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading, Texas licensure requirements for Licensed Dyslexia Therapist, and criteria for membership in the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA). MCA-MTT is accredited by the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC).

Certification and Licensing:

Graduates of MCA-MTT (full two-year training course) receive a certificate of completion with the title, Dyslexia Therapist, and are eligible to sit for the Alliance National Registration Exam administered by the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA) to become Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALT). Graduates with master's degrees in education and certain related fields, may be eligible to apply to become a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist, as defined by Texas HB 461 (2009 Session of the Texas Legislature).

Program Overview:

- Extensive knowledge of the characteristics of dyslexia and related disorders
- Understanding of the educational identification process for dyslexia
- Curriculum instruction using Take Flight
- Classroom strategies and techniques used for students with dyslexia
- Informational sessions for parents and teachers focusing on identification, accommodations, related disorders, and a Take Flight curriculum overview

Graduate Level Instruction, Clinical Training, and Supervised Instruction in:

- Characteristics and educational identification of dyslexia
- Multisensory approach to teaching phonological awareness leading to sound/symbol correspondence for reading and spelling, including phonemic awareness, onset and rime, rhyme recognition and production, alliteration, segmentation, manipulation, blending, etc.
- Structured, intensive, phonetic approach to teaching reading, including phonemic awareness, decoding, sound/symbol relationships, reading automaticity, reading rate, prosody, orthographic patterns, syllable division, and morphology
- A multisensory, process-oriented approach to teaching cognitive spelling which emphasizes phonemic awareness, sound/symbol relationship, orthographic patterns, spelling generalizations, spelling formulas for derivatives, and dictation skills
- Multisensory approach to word relationships through grammar, morphology, semantics, and syntax
- Analysis and strategies used for comprehension in expository and narrative texts using metacognitive techniques
- Sequential multisensory strategies designed for academic access of students with dyslexia

Opportunity for Graduate-Level Credit:

Graduates may receive up to fifteen (15) hours of graduate level credit toward a Master of Education degree in Special Education - Specializing in Dyslexia through Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX. For more information, please contact Mary Wines, Director of Master of Education in Special Education Specializing in Dyslexia. Email: mary.wines@mwsu.edu Phone: 940-397-4855
Website: <https://msutexas.edu/academics/education/dyslexia/index.php>

First Year Introductory Training Course

- **Academic Requirements:**
 - Intro Summer Course
 - attend two weeks at McKinney Christian Academy campus from 8:30am – 4:00pm, Monday through Friday
 - Intro Workshops
 - attend six (6) workshops throughout the school year from 8:00am – 4:00pm
- **Clinical Teaching Requirements**
 - Demonstration of Teaching Competency
 - Submit five (5) video-taped demonstration lessons of a Take Flight group/student
 - Submit self-critiques of the demonstration lessons
 - All five (5) demonstration lessons must be completed and passed before May 31 of the Intro Training year to qualify for admission to Advanced Training
 - Demonstration lessons are observed and evaluated by a member of the MCA-MTT Instructor staff with accompanying suggestions, critique, and evaluation for therapist-in-training
 - One-on-one consultations with the MCA-MTT Instructor staff as needed

- **Supervised Teaching Requirements**
 - Teaching Experience is optimally achieved through maintaining multiple groups a day throughout the week
 - It is the responsibility of the trainee to secure students appropriate for clinical teaching experience (If circumstances inhibit this opportunity – contact and consult your instructor immediately for options)
 - Continue to maintain Take Flight groups consisting of 1-6 students per group
 - Groups should receive a minimum of 45 minutes per group, five (5) days per week, or minimum of 60 minutes per group, four (4) days a week
 - Clinical teaching experience through Book 3 of the Take Flight curriculum is required for admission to the Advanced training course

- **Record of Therapy Hours**
 - Prepare and submit periodic Record of Therapy Hours documenting supervised teaching situations and clinical training hours. These reports are generally submitted with each demonstration lesson
 - A total of 700 clinical teaching hours is required (and completion of all course requirements) before a trainee may sit for the CALT test

- **Demonstration Lessons**
 - Ten demonstration lessons are required for certification. Five (5) are required during the Introductory course year and five (5) are completed in the Advanced course year
 - These lessons should be recorded and provided to your assigned observing instructor along with your lesson plan, self-evaluation, Record of Therapy Hours report, and comments/questions as a package
 - A score of 85 or above is needed to pass before conducting and submitting the next demonstration lesson
 - Demonstrations must be submitted in a timely manner, typically three (3) in the fall and two (2) in the spring semesters
 - Opportunities for direct instructor observation of lesson demonstration may be available and/or required
 - Intro trainees must fulfill this requirement along with all Intro course requirements before being admitted to Advanced Training

- **Class Expectations**
 - Please be aware that the Multisensory Teacher Training two-year course is equivalent to fifteen (15) hours of graduate level coursework. During the Introductory training course and Advanced training course, trainees will receive homework assignments. Graduate level quality and adherence to due dates is expected. Five book reports and three article reports are required over the course of training in addition to a final project, literacy expansion unit, final paper, and other assignment submissions.

- **Extended Training**
 - Depending on your opportunity to maintain enough groups and/or individuals for clinical teaching experience to meet the criteria of 700 clinical teaching hours at the conclusion of the Advanced course year, you will continue supervised teaching and recording clinical teaching hours until this requirement is satisfied.
 - Non-passing scores on demonstration lessons may require additional demonstrations and attendance of additional workshops and lectures to ensure the trainee develops competence
 - McKinney Christian Academy – Multisensory Teacher Training reserves the right to charge trainees an additional fee in such circumstances. Progress will be monitored regularly until all requirements are completed and the trainee is recommended for certification testing

- **Non-Discrimination Policy**
 - Since God’s love extends equally to all people, McKinney Christian Academy welcomes and encourages any of His children to apply for any and all programs of the school. MCA-MTT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or ethnicity, gender, age, religion, marital status, or military status. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

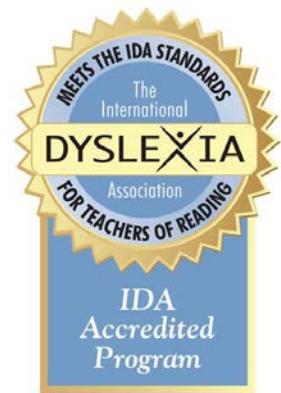
- **Accommodations**
 - If any accommodations (under ADA) are needed for you to be successful in the two-year training program, you must submit them in writing with appropriate documentation at least two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the Introductory Course.

- **Tuition and Payment Options**
 - Consult the MCA-MTT webpage regarding tuition costs and payment options. Trainees that are self-pay have the option to remit tuition through scheduled payments. See the website for more details.

- **Included Materials and Supplies**
 - All materials and supplies required for training are provided and included in tuition costs
 - Take Flight Introductory Kit
 - includes all manuals and instruction materials
 - MCA-MTT training manual
 - other supplies necessary for clinical teaching/therapy
 - Personal supplies such as markers, note taking supplies, preferred writing utensils are supplied by the trainee

- **Attendance**

- Attendance is required, not optional, for all summer training dates and workshops to meet the standards set forth by the accrediting organization
 - You must attend all training sessions to fulfill the established number of classroom hours required for certification and course completion
 - Arrangements **MUST** be made in advance with the MCA-MTT instructor for absence approval and procedures for making up the instruction
 - You will be responsible for recording the class or workshop and complete a full write up on the training content
 - Note the dates below and make all necessary arrangements to be in attendance





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Acknowledgement Form – Photo Release

I acknowledge that I have received and have read the policies contained in this application packet and I agree to comply with such policies and practices as a condition of my participation in the McKinney Christian Academy – Multisensory Teacher Training program.

Photo Release:

I grant to McKinney Christian Academy – Multisensory Teacher Training the right to take photographs, video, and/or digitally record me and/or my property while participating in training and I authorize MCA-MTT, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish such images to print and/or electronically distribute. I agree that MCA-MTT may edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute the images and may use such images of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose including, for example, such purposes of publicity, instruction, illustrations, advertising, and web content and I waive any right to financial or other remuneration arising or related to the use of the images.

Trainee – Print name

Trainee – Signature

Date



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Application Checklist

- Signed Acknowledgement Form/Photo Release – acknowledges that you have read and understand the expectations of the training program. Include with completed application.
- Completed Application – submitted via mail or attach in an email to mary.utzig@mckinneychristian.org
- Three (3) referrals submitted – mailed to MCA-MTT by referring source
- Official Copy of Your College Transcript(s) – mailed to MCA-MTT – Attn: Mary Utzig, Adm. Asst., Multisensory Teacher Training
- Register online at - http://mckinneychristian.org/mtt/multisensory_teacher_training/teacher_training_registration

Address:

McKinney Christian Academy

Attn: Mary Utzig, Adm. Asst. – Multisensory Teacher Training

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McKinney, TX 75071

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